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LATEST CABLED SUGAR QUOTATIONS

	Cents	Dollars
86° Centrifugal N. Y.	10 1/2	10 1/2
Price, Hawaiian basis	4.93	50.00
Last previous quotation.	4.875	50.50

## SITUATION IN LEVANT GROWS BRIGHTER FOR ENTENTE FORCE WITH ITALIANS IN ALBANIA

Allies Before Salonika Are Strengthening Their Positions and Their Lines Are Being Reinforced By Arrival of Troops

FRANCE IS POURING MEN INTO FIELD FOR RELIEF

With Italians Ready To Join Serbians and Montenegrins To Divert Teutons Indications Are Greek City Can Be Held

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
LONDON, December 17.—Situation in the Balkans is growing brighter, according to the official announcements, and the Allies are daily improving their positions and adding to their strength, while the verification of the news that a strong Italian force is now in Albania and ready to join hands with the Serbians and Montenegrins promises an important diversion against the Teuton lines through Serbia.

The French are sending important reinforcements to Salonika, where the combined force of the Allies now is reported to total two hundred thousand men.

Enemy May Strike Quickly  
Despite official announcement from Sofia that the Greek and Bulgarian governments have agreed on a neutral zone paralleling the Greek and Bulgarian and the Greek and Serbian borders it is fully anticipated that the Bulgars and Teutons will attempt an assault in force against the Allies in Greece, in an endeavor to crush the forces before Salonika before it is further reinforced.

The Allies and an expeditionary force meet any attack which is believed possible for the army of the Central Powers to make and have assured Greece that the Teutons will be prevented from seizing Salonika, the possession of which has been the desire of Bulgaria since the last Balkan war.

Allies Declare Confidence  
Lord Cobi, under secretary for war, in a statement of the situation before the house of commons yesterday, announced that the Allies are confident of their ability to hold Salonika against all comers, according to the desires expressed by the Grecian government in their evacuation of that portion of Macedonia.

## WILLS OF LUSITANIA VICTIMS IN PROBATE

Elbert Hubbard and Wife Left Fortunes To Children

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
TORONTO, Ontario, December 17.—In the probate court here yesterday the wills of Elbert Hubbard and his wife, who were amongst the Americans drowned in the sinking of the Lusitania by a German submarine, were filed. The author's estate is valued in the inventory filed with the will at \$397,845, and that of his wife at \$35,735. In each case the estate is devised in equal shares to the two children. The tragedy of the death at sea, under the circumstances of the destruction of the passenger liner on which Hubbard was traveling, is emphasized by one of the paragraphs in the publisher's will, which requests that his remains be cremated and "not buried in the ground."

## SOLICITOR INVESTIGATES IMMIGRATION CONDITIONS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, December 17.—J. B. Denmore, solicitor of the department of labor, who has been here investigating the immigration situation, has concluded his work and will return to Washington. He declines to make any public statement, announcing that any publicity to be given his findings will come through the department after he has filed his report.

## FORD'S PEACE SHIP STOPPED AT KIRKWALL

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
KIRKWALL, Orkney Islands, December 17.—The Danish liner Oscar II, with the Ford peace delegates aboard, was brought into this port for re-examination yesterday and is now tied up for examination. None of the members of the Ford party is allowed to land, their passports not authorizing them to travel in Great Britain.

## WINSTON CHURCHILL, MAJOR OF YOEMANRY, IN HIS REGIMENTALS



Former First Lord of Admiralty Has Narrow Escape From Death In Trenches

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
LONDON, December 17.—Major Winston Churchill, former first lord of the admiralty, who is in the trenches with his regiment, had a narrow escape from death yesterday, a "Jack Johnson" striking his dugout and exploding. Although the dugout was shattered, Major Churchill escaped unhurt.

## WOMAN SEVENTY-FOUR FLIES TO HER DEATH

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
SAN DIEGO, California, December 16.—Mrs. Lulu Comstock, 74 years old, was instantly killed today when the aeroplane in which she was a passenger fell 50 feet into the waters of the bay. Mrs. Comstock, who is the mother of two grown-up children, took the aeroplane ride because of her own earnest desire to test its sensations. She expressed the wish to "fly once before retiring into a quiet life," and succeeded in getting Anton Meyerhoffer, a junior aviator of San Diego, to take her in his machine. When the aeroplane had risen 50 feet from the ground the aged woman became frightened and in excess of fear grabbed Meyerhoffer, holding him so tightly that he lost control of the machine and it fell into the bay. Meyerhoffer was taken from the water unhurt.

## LOUISIANA AND REFINERS ARRANGING SETTLEMENT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
NEW ORLEANS, December 17.—The district attorney yesterday presented in court for filing an agreement requesting a continuance of the case of the State of Louisiana against the American Sugar Refining Company, pending negotiations now under way looking for a withdrawal of the suit and a settlement on a basis that does not involve fraud on the part of the refiners.

## JAPANESE CRUISER ASAMA REACHES PORT

(Special to Hawaii Shimp.)  
YOKOSUGA, Japan, December 17.—The Japanese cruiser Asama, which was on the rocks in Turtle Bay and afterwards was floated and repaired, arrived here today from Hawaiian waters. She weathered heavy seas without mishap and will go into drydock immediately for a general overhauling.

## JAPAN SOOTHES ITALY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
TOKIO, December 16.—Italy's ratification of the joint opposition to reviving the monarchy in China having arrived, Japan has forwarded to China the Entente note relative to the re-establishment of the throne. The note is of a soothing nature but emphasizes the necessity for the maintenance of peace in China and the danger of discord and trouble from reestablishing the monarchy at this time.

## BOURBON REVENUE MEASURE PASSES IN LOWER HOUSE

Close Vote of 205 To 189 Carries Bill and Approximates Party Division

TREMENDOUS DEFICIT FACED BY GOVERNMENT

Republicans Attack Reimposition of Extraordinary Taxation That Burdens People

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
WASHINGTON, December 17.—By a vote of 205 to 189, the Emergency Revenue bill passed in the house of representatives yesterday, thus ensuring the extension of this legislation until December 31, 1916. Forty members were absent or not voting. The close vote approximates the party division, which stands, in a full house, Democrats, 229; Republicans and Progressives, 205.

Representative Claude Kitchin, the new Democratic floor leader, made his speech as chairman of the ways and means committee for the session on this bill. He said that the government faced a deficit of \$91,000,000 at the end of the next fiscal year if the measure were to be defeated.

Minority Leader James R. Mann opposed the length of the proposed extension of the act, arguing that a shorter period than to the end of next year should suffice, while Former Speaker Joe Cannon argued that the government should not seek to reimpose extraordinary taxes but should tide over the financial stringency by selling Panama bonds.

## MINNESOTA BOILERS NOT TAMPERED WITH

Federal Inspector Finds Nothing To Indicate Any Criminality

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, December 17.—Federal Boiler Inspector J. H. Dolan made a preliminary examination of the boilers of the Hill liner Minnesota yesterday, announcing afterwards that he had found nothing to indicate that there had been any criminal tampering with the boilers or machinery. J. K. Bulger, head of the steamboat inspection bureau of this district, will arrive tomorrow with the Seattle inspectors, who had examined and certified to the Minnesota boilers before she sailed for London from the Sound a short time ago, according to reports on the waterfront.

## 'MOVIE' STAR SEVERELY BURNED WHILE ACTING

Fire Intended For Film Traps Well Known Actress

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
SAN RAFAEL, California, December 17.—Beatrice Michelena, the widely known moving picture star, was severely burned yesterday in the course of the taking of a new film. The act required that she be rescued from a burning barn, which was set on fire after she had entered it. The fire got beyond control and the planned movie rescue became a real one, carried out at considerable risk to those taking part. It is not expected that the injuries received by the actress will be fatal.

## CHICAGO FIRM FOLLOWS SUGAR PLANTERS' METHOD

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
CHICAGO, December 17.—Officials of the Crane Company, manufacturers of valves and fittings, announced yesterday that the firm's annual Christmas gift to its ten thousand employees this year will consist of a bonus of ten per cent. of their annual salaries. The bonus will reach a total of more than \$700,000.

## SWISS REPUBLIC HAS NEW PRESIDENT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
BERNE, Switzerland, December 17.—Camille de Coppet, vice president of the Swiss Republic, former minister of justice, has been elected to the presidency, to succeed President Motta. Edmund Schulthess has been elected to the vice presidency.

## Cozy Quarters For French Field Piece On Western Front



## OKUMA MINISTRY NOW UNDER FIRE

Two Opposition Parties Introduce Resolution In Diet Calling For Its Impeachment

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji.)  
TOKIO, December 16.—A resolution calling for the impeachment of Count Okuma for misgovernment was introduced in the diet this morning by members of the two opposition parties, the Seiyukai and Kokuminto. It will be brought up for debate December 18, and a vote will be held at the Kabukicho theater that day to foment public opinion in behalf of the opposition.

The government professed to be sure of defeating the resolution on a vote of adoption, as it was defeated last session. The Doshikai party, the government, has almost half the strength of the diet, and it has, too, the support of the small Chuseikai party.

There were three counts against the Okuma ministry in the resolution: The recent election scandal; failure of the government to press charges against former Count Oura, minister of home affairs at the time, who alone of those implicated escaped court action; conferring the title of the late Count Nogi, national hero, who committed harakari at the death of the Emperor Mutsuhito, upon one not of his blood.

A cablegram from London brings word that Dr. J. Suzuki, Dr. T. Oshima, Miss Y. Yamamoto, head nurse, and Miss S. Kioka, another nurse, of the Red Cross unit which Japan sent to the western battlefield a year ago, have been decorated by King George.

The Japanese Red Cross physicians and nurses were here a year ago, and were guests at a reception given by Mrs. H. Arima, wife of the acting consul-general, December 30.

## AID FROM ABROAD FOR LA FOLLETTE ACT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
WASHINGTON, December 17.—The department of commerce issued a statement yesterday concerning the operations of the Seaman's Act in which it is suggested that the cooperation of the foreign governments in the enforcement of the act might be secured. This cooperation, the statement explains, could be secured by requesting the various governments having shipping in the American trade to issue certificates to the ships under their flags stating that the ships so certified have crews legally complete under the specifications of the American law.

## BRIDE-ELECT REMEMBERED BY HER OLD HOME TOWNIES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
WYTHEVILLE, Virginia, December 17.—The citizens of this town, which was the former home of Mrs. Norman Galt, the bride-to-be of the President, and her parents, prior to her first marriage, have secured a wedding present for the White House bride miniature portraits of her parents, painted by Ellen Stuart, niece of Jeb Stuart.

## ZAPATA HAS CANDIDATE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
MEXICO CITY, December 16.—An other rival for Venustiano Carranza, just recognized as provisional president of Mexico, has arisen. A convention of members of the Zapata faction held at Tlalixiapan, has named Antonio Cerna president of Mexico. Zapata has approved the plan and spread over the territory he controls a statement declaring his approval.

## GEN. SIR DOUGLAS HAIG, Who Succeeds Field Marshal Sir John French As Commander of British On West Front



## WORKS SAYS COUNTRY NEEDS IMMENSE ARMY

California Could Be Isolated By Japanese In State

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
WASHINGTON, December 16.—Senator John D. Works of California in a speech to the senate today told his colleagues that a standing army of a million men is necessary to defend the shores of the country against invasion. He asserted that the Pacific Coast is completely at the mercy of Asiatic attack, and proposed the creation of a mobile land force and a military reserve of 200,000 men. This plan he estimated would call for \$50,000,000 expenditure a year for ten years. He proposed that the enlisted men be settled according to the Works bill, with families in five-year tracts provided by the government, supplementing ten months' work at reforestation, irrigation, flood prevention and such nationally useful work. Two months' military training would be given each year also according to his plan. "There are enough Japanese in California to man and destroy every line of communication to the East, isolating California," he declared.

## FORMER HONOLULUAN DEAD

(Special Cablegram to Hawaii Shimp.)  
TOKIO, December 15.—Dr. T. Iwai, physician of the Imperial household, died today at his Kojimachi residence in this city. Doctor Iwai was one of the leading medical men of Japan. Thirty years ago he left Japan for Honolulu and was in that city for three years as chief physician of the board of immigration. When he came back to Japan he was elected president of two hospitals in this city, and was later selected as the royal physician.

## VIENNA EXPECTS BREAK TO COME AND IS PREPARED TO MEET CRISIS

Reports From Austro-Hungarian Capital Say That Government Cannot Figure Out Any Way To Prevent Diplomatic Rupture

REPLY TO AMERICAN NGTE MEANS TROUBLE

People of Dual Kingdom Indignant At American Demands, While Washington Looks For No Amicable Solution of Issues

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
LONDON, December 17.—Austria is fully prepared for a break with the United States and expects nothing but that the American government will order Ambassador Penfield and his embassy staff to leave Austria and close the embassy.

Despatches from Vienna by the Exchange Telegraph, which are confirmed by the reports which have reached her from German sources via Holland, announce that in official circles in the Austrian capital it is not believed that a diplomatic rupture can be avoided.

America Cannot Agree  
The text of the Austro-Hungarian reply to the United States, it is said in informed Viennese circles, is such that America cannot consistently accept it as a basis for further negotiations. It is not definitely announced that the Austrian reply was so couched as to force the United States into summary action, but such is the inference to be drawn from the expression of opinion that when the official text of the Austrian note reaches Washington a break will be unavoidable.

People Are Indignant  
The Austro-Hungarian public, which learned for the first time yesterday the text of the American demands upon the government, is indignant at the American demands and the press is commenting bitterly over the terms and the tone of the American communication.

## WASHINGTON SAYS CRISIS IS NEAR

WASHINGTON, December 16.—America's note to Austria, demanding adequate redress for the sinking of the Italian passenger liner Ancona and the loss of American lives, and Austria's reply thereto have brought the two nations to a point of extreme crisis.

Unofficial reports in the capital today are that Austria's reply to the Ancona note is unsatisfactory in tone, unacceptable in its substance and disappointing in its attitude. The relations between the two countries are unofficially described by well-informed men as at the breaking-point today.

The President and Secretary Lansing are making no public comment on the reply until the receipt of the official translation. The substance of the note as already made known in Vienna is not satisfactory to the administration. It is understood that the United States refuses to enter into any exchange of opinions with Vienna, as Vienna is represented as suggesting in the note. Washington declines to take up a discussion of the facts of the torpedoing and shelling of the Ancona.

## CHIEFS ADVISE VILLA TO CEASE HIS FIGHT

'Pancho' Is Concentrating Troops For Dash Into South

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
EL PASO, December 17.—The chiefs who yet remain loyal to 'Pancho' Villa are now holding a council in Chihuahua, where they are pressing upon Villa their advice that he abandon the contest against Carranza and cease his hopeless fight.

Supplies for the Villa army, which is now concentrating at Chihuahua, are being commandeered from the stocks of the Chihuahua merchants. The Villa force, which is now gathering is expected to strike south, probably against Jalisco.

## NEW VICEROY FOR INDIA

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
LONDON, December 17.—The Post yesterday publishes a report that Chancellor of the Exchequer McKenna is slated to succeed Lord Hardinge as Viceroy of India.